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LAND RECLAMATION PROGRESSING;  
FIRST ELECTRIC TRACTOR IN USE

RECLAIM SWAMPS IN BIALYSTOK WOJEWODZTWO -- Slowo Katolickie, No 45, 5 Nov 49

This year, work was started on reclaiming wet meadowlands and swamps in Bialystok Wojewodztwo. To date, 93.6 kilometers of old drainage ditches have been repaired and 63.5 kilometers of new ditches dug.

Of particular importance is the construction of a dam on the Nurzec River in Tutka, Bielski Podlaski Powiat, which will permit reclamation of approximately 3,000 hectares of meadow and swamp lands. The Wizna Swamps, covering 11,000 hectares of land, are now being surveyed. Preparatory work for regulating the Biebrza River and connecting it with the network of waterways is now under way.

CONSTRUCT DIKES NEAR SWIECIE -- Slowo Katolickie, No 45, 5 Nov 49

A 10-kilometer dike is being built to protect 1,500 hectares of Grabowo-Gruczno lowlands in Swiecie Powiat. The dike, regulation of the canals on the lowlands, and construction of dike sluices are to be completed in 1950.

GERMAN TRACTOR REBUILT -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 280, 24 Nov 49

The first Polish electric-powered tractor, modeled after those used in the Soviet Union, was constructed recently from an old unused German Deutz-type tractor at the workshops of the Technical Farm Service in Staralaka near Poznan. The old motor was removed and an electric motor installed.

The new tractor can plow 3 hectares of land with a 100-meter cable, and 30 hectares with a 1,000-meter cable. The electric-powered tractor is economical to operate and can be used 2 or 3 year without major repairs. The cost of plowing one hectare of land with a gasoline-powered tractor is 750 zlotys; the cost of the same work done with an electric tractor is 50 percent less.

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FRESH-WATER FISHING IN SEACOAST AREA -- Slowo Katolickie, No 45, 5 Nov 49

In Gdansk Wojewodztwo, there are 32,000 hectares of fresh-water fisheries, of which 14,500 hectares belong to fishing cooperatives and the remainder to the state. The fresh-water fish catch this year averaged 24 kilograms per hectare.

BUILD FISHING CUTTER ENGINES -- Ostatnie Wiadomosci, No 124, 4 Nov 49

A special commission of the Gdansk Polytechnicum has approved a design for an oil-burning cutter engine. The engine was designed by engineer Naga-wiecki and master mechanic Rekawek of the Gdansk fishing-ship yards.

These engines will be the first to be built entirely in Poland. Previously all fishing cutter engines had to be imported.

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